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TIS BULLETIN: 13 OCTOBER, 2017

Thought for the Week

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Calendar

13/10/17: G10 ecology trip

14/10/17: PSAT; Interschool sport visit; Higher Praise (1.00-5.00pm)

19/10/17: Parent Information Session (1.30-4.00pm)

20/10/17: Mid-semester break commences; Creative Writers and Photography Workshop Day

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21/10/17: Creative Writers and Photography Workshop Day 2

23/10/17: TIS MUN 2017 Day 1

24/10/17: TIS MUN 2017 Day 2; Bio/Geo/ESS OS IA (England) trip departs

25/10/17: TIS MUN 2017 Day 3

28/10/17: ACT; ISSAG Soccer/Tennis/Table Tennis

29/10/17: Students return to Hostels; mid-semester break ends.

1/11/17: Bio/Geo/ESS OS IA (England) trip returns

4/11/17: SAT (subjects only)

5/11/17: TIS Annual Performance: The Slaves

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Making Us Proud

• Students' soccer, volleyball and basketball teams for their overall achievements in winning the Adjavon Memorial Cup for the second year. Their sportsmanship and punctuality were appreciated.

Reminders

- Please read school communications. [Note: if you can't access the weekly TIS Bulletin or Monthly Newsletter, this means you have not yet logged into ManageBac.]
- TIS Events: Parents are always welcome to attend any school event.
- *Exeats:* Students will not have exeats approved if they have outstanding work to complete. Exeat requests for a weekend should be received by COB Wednesdays. Students returning from an exeat on a school day must be in full school uniform, including shoes, not sandals. Gates close at 5.00pm.















- Labelling all personal items: From 29 October, clothing and any other items that are unlabelled, including bed linen, will be confiscated and returned to parents. This is a tough stance, but its purpose is to save parents money and promote responsibility and discipline in students
- *ManageBac (MB) and Naviance*: If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh)

Last Chance

- For the past three years, TIS has hosted the annual Creative Writing and Photography Workshop over two days. This year it will be held from 20 21 October. It is one of those essential experiences for students wishing to develop or enhance their writing or photography skills. Please contact Miss Irene for further details: Irene.Koree@tis.edu.gh
- TIS hosts MUN this year from 23-25 October. Again, it's an essential experience for students who develop and demonstrate their persuasive writing, public speaking and leadership skills. The local experience is the perfect forerunner to the annual international experiences that take place in second semester. Please contact Mrs Adelaide for further details: aferguson@tis.edu.gh

Parent Information Session

A Parent Information Session on next Thursday, 19 October, will conclude this mid-semester. This session is scheduled from 1.30-4.00pm in the MPH, and it will be an opportunity for parents to:

- find out more about individual subjects you son/daughter is studying;
- meet individual subject teachers;
- discuss general questions with individual teachers, counselors, hostel parents and program coordinators; and
- get assistance with MB access.

Parents may depart with their son(s)/daughter(s) for the mid-semester break once their involvement in the Parent Information Session has concluded.

Students whose parents are not attending the Parent Information Session may depart from 4.00pm.

Students who are attending the Creative Writing and Photography Workshop can be collected on Saturday afternoon.















Monitoring Student Performance on MB

To monitor your child's performance on MB, go to Academics. On the far right of each subject, you will see this symbol: >

Click on it so it looks like: V

A list of assessment tasks will be visible, along with any grades or levels. On the far right of each assessment task, you will see this symbol: >

Click on it so it looks like: V

Details of the assessment tasks and any teacher feedback will be visible.

To close the data, just reverse the process by clicking on the symbol on the far right.

ISSAG Soccer, Tennis and Table Tennis Championships

No specific details have been received about the ISSAG soccer, tennis and table tennis championships scheduled for 28 October. Hopefully, we can inform students and parents at the Parent Information Session and in next week's TIS Bulletin.

Return To Hostels

Students are due to return to hostels on Sunday, 29 October. Parents should advise Alex Tay, if their child/ren are returning early.

I appreciate your support.

Dr. Ken Darvall Principal Back to top

MYP Corner

STOMP and Grade 7

I mentioned before how much our students amaze me when it comes to performing and the high standard of their performances.

When discussing the development of a new MYP music curriculum with Mr. Emmanuel, the music teacher for Grades 7 & 8, I stressed my desire for music classes for all. How much I wish that all students would, or would be willing to play an instrument. I also know that this is not always the case. We all have different interests and we have to respect this. With the









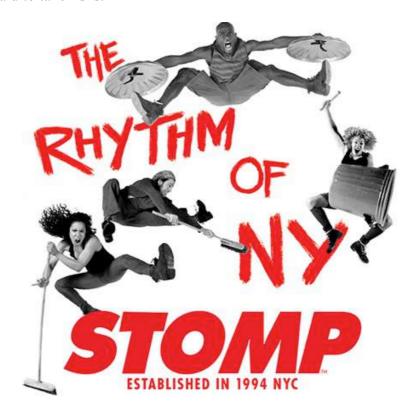






four criteria in MYP music, one is able to get a good final grade even without playing an instrument, as long as we develop a curriculum that really allows for this.

In a previous newsletter you saw a bit of Grade 7 rehearsing already. This week again I watched them rehearse towards their final performance. It was a joy to witness and I was as proud of them as Emmanuel clearly was. It all goes back to the show of STOMP (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN5T8y8bCJ4) where random object is used as percussion "instrument" including their own bodies. What a great way to show what one can do with rhythm. This unit has been a perfect way for all students to practiSe and perform rhythm in a fun and exciting way. This is what education is about, inquiring students who are not afraid to take risks.



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To add another layer of risk-taking we have asked them to perform on stage during one of our weekly assemblies. Assemblies should be celebrations of learning where the students show what they have been working on over the weeks. I'm sure that they will shine as real performers! Enjoy the video, it's a full length.

Ate Hemmes MYP Coordinator















Counselor's Corner



To really overcome your fears you have to know yourself – to trust yourself over the negative voices. Listen to the equally powerful positive voice telling you that you can do it. Believe in yourself. You've got what it takes to make it. It is in you!

SAT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND		
	PAYMENT DEADLINE		
7 OCT, 2017	23 AUG, 2017		
4 NOV, 2017*	6 SEPT, 2017		
10 MARCH, 2018**	9 JAN, 2018		
5 MAY, 2018	6 MARCH, 2018		

ACT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE.	
9 SEPT, 2017	31 May, 2017	
28 Oct, 2017	1 Sept, 2017	
14 April, 2018	16 Feb, 2018	

SAT SUBJECT TEST ONLY * & REGULAR SAT ONLY **

DP2 Due Dates For The Month.

DP2s are encouraged to maximize their individualized one-on-one sessions with their Counselors and to continue to stay focused and **stay positive!**
All DP2 students are reminded to take note of the deadlines and adhere strictly to them throughout the week (note: all timelines have been placed on the DP2 Managebac Calendar).

Emails have been sent out **DP2 parents** inviting them to attend a **Financial Aid one-on-one** meeting in the coming weeks. This meeting is to discuss the application process involved in requesting for financial aid from universities. Parents are to book slots to meet with their child's counselor. **We have limited slots available per day therefore preference will be given to those who book the slot first and we look forward to hearing from our DP2 parents**.

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October 2017

- 19 Students submit all U.S. applications with early / special scholarship deadlines via Commonapp
- 30 Students submit SAT/ACT scores to regular decision schools
- 31- Students submit Canada and other school applications * Valid credit/visa card required

University Visit Line up.

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DATE	SCHOOL	TIME	VENUE	
30 Oct 17	Babson, Tufts, Colby	TBD	Handel Picasso Exam	
	College (U.S.A.)		Hall	
2 Nov 17	Univ. of Guelph	1:30pm	Handel Picasso Exam	
	(Canada)		Hall	
3 Nov 17	Bentley Univ. (U.S.A.)	8:45am	Handel Picasso Exam	
	Pepperdine Univ.		Hall	
	(U.S.A.)			
	Syracuse Univ.			
	(U.S.A.)			
17 Nov 17	Keele University, UK	2:30pm	College Guide Office-	
			Learning Centre.	

College Visit Highlights

Recent weeks have been filled with college "tasting" activities. We had a host of colleges visiting from the U.S., U.K. and Canada. Our DP students had the opportunity to interact with the admissions team from these schools. Below is the highlight on some of the visiting school;

U.S. Schools

University Of Minnesota

- A strong brand for international education with over 6400 students from all over the world.
- Some Faculties: College of Design, Education and Human Development, Science and Engineering and College of Liberal Arts.
- A small class ratio of 17:1.
- Tuition \$46,113 for two years subject to review.
- Unlimited scholarships (ALEC, Dan Franklin and Global Excellence Scholarship ranging from \$6000-12000 per year).
- SAT/ACT Scores optional.
- Website: passport.umn.edu.

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Indiana University-Purdue University (IUPUI)

- A great academic supplement of two combinations of research universities cited on one campus.
- Population of 21,748 for 2017/2018 academic year 15% internationals represented by 146 countries.
- Student to faculty ratio 17:1.
- Some Major Programs: Animation, Video Game Design, Computer and Health Sciences.
- Cost of tuition 2018/2019 academic year including housing \$45,180.
- **\$2million** + international merit based scholarships from **\$7,000-\$45,000** available annually.
- Website:iapply@iupui.edu

Kalamazoo College

- About 15,000 student body with over 43 international students' representation worldwide.
- Average class size approximately 16:1
- Some Major Programs: English, Classical Civilization, Economics, Architecture, Business
- A fantastic learner- friendly environment with state of art expertise, a cutting edge in technology and innovation as a competitive advantage
- A strong reputation for athletics in basketball, baseball among others.
- A recognized sports body part of National College Athletic Association.
- Merit and Need Based Scholarship Available.
- Website:kzoo.edu/admission

U.K. Schools

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University Of Lincoln

- It is a research based residential school.
- Major programs- Architecture, Economics, Engineering, Law, Public relations, Interior Architecture and Design.
- IB points minimum 29 but may vary for various programs.
- Tuition is about £9,250 per year.
- Scholarship for International student's website- <u>www.lincoln.ac.uk/intscholarships</u> ranging from £5,000.















• Engineering Bursaries for engineering applicants who make the University of Lincoln their first choice institution via UCAS especially Electrical and Mechanical about £1,500.

De montfort university

- Researched based university
- Population about 27,000 students, 100+ internationals
- Programs; International Relations, Business, Computer science, Engineering
- Tuition is about £12,000 but payment can be made in installments- Pay 50% of the fees within 4 weeks of enrolment. The remaining 50% can be made in 7 installments on 2 November, 2 December, 2 January, 2 February, 2 March, 2 April and 2 May.
- Accommodation for international students.
- Scholarship for internationals website visit dmu.ac.uk/internationalscholarship
- The school does not charge for direct application to school but will pay via UCAS about £24.

University Of Leeds

- Ranked as the University of the year 2017.
- They have study abroad programs every year at 400 + universities across the world.
- They offer research based learning and is culturally diverse
- Programs, Engineering, Biological Science, Computer Science, Economics, medicine, Law
- Scholarship based on merit- www. Leeds.ac.uk/scholarships
- Tuition £15,500- £17,000 per year for internationals.

Good news

Savannah College of Arts and Design (SCAD) WORKSHOP!!!

Are you interested in visual arts, design or digital media? Are you looking forward to developing a career in this field? If your answer is yes then you don't want to miss out on the upcoming SCAD workshop. Yes, SCAD is organizing an art workshop right here on the T.I.S. premises on Thursday, 7 Dec, 3-5pm. SOS-HGIC will be joining us. See details below;

- This workshop will be for Grade 10 and IBDP students specifically interested in visual arts, design or digital media. (Slots are filled up already)
- A Graphic Design Professor from SCAD will lead a project with the students to help them better understand the degree program and the industry.

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Grade 8 Guidance and Counseling Class:

Grade 8 students, learned the essence of Teamwork this week! They were tasked to build a tower with their teammates using specific materials and the team with the tallest tower won! The winning team below collaborated beautifully and won the competition! Congrats to Jaiye, Nina, Francis and Richard!!! ©



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IBDP Update

Founders, week celebration came to a befitting end with the church service and International Day celebrations which followed. Action updates for next week.

EE Café

DP2 students will have an entire day with their EE coordinator and supervisors on 18-10-17 (Wednesday) to polish their EE. DP Class of 2018 is the first batch for the revised extended essay (EE). In this session students will receive general guidance on the overall extended essay as well as subject specific guidance to improve their scores across the assessment criteria.

Parent Information Session

I welcome the parents/ guardians to the parent information session on 19-10-17. This forum will clear any doubts you in the process and practice of the Diploma Programme.















IA Dates

DP 2 student completed their final TOK presentations on 12-10-17. The next 4 months are critical in the diploma journey of DP 2 with all their IAs due. I request parents/ guardians to monitor your ward's submissions on ManageBac based on the due dates found on the overview calendar.

Diploma to Course OR Level Change

Smart choices are being made by some students by moving from diploma to course, wherein they will be focusing on fewer subjects targeting 7. A few of them are deciding on swapping level of subjects to ensure success. I am contacting parents/ guardians of students who are in the process of this transition. Parents/Guardians are welcome to contact my office for any clarification.

Interesting Read

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Source

https://thewire.in/186131/best-way-to-hold-pizza-slice-taught-by-math-genius/

The Best Way to Hold a Pizza Slice Was Taught by a 19th Century Math Genius

Behind the pizza trick lies a powerful mathematical result about curved surfaces. Its discoverer, the mathematical genius Carl Friedrich Gauss, named it Theorema Egregium.



Why does bending a pizza slice help you eat it? Dig in to the math of the 'fold hold'. Credit: Author provided

We've all been there. You pick up a slice of pizza and you're about to take a bite, but it flops over and dangles limply from your fingers instead. The crust isn't stiff enough to support the weight of the slice. Maybe you should have gone for fewer toppings. But there's no need to















despair, for years of pizza eating experience have taught you how to deal with this situation. Just fold the pizza slice into a U shape (aka the <u>fold hold</u>). This keeps the slice from flopping over, and you can proceed to enjoy your meal. (If you don't have a slice of pizza handy, you can try this out with a sheet of paper.)

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France/Spain 2018

Have you heard about the TIS language immersion programme? Find out more.

- ➤ This is a three-week language and culture immersion programme, which is designed to motivate students, keep them interested and is based on modern, communication-oriented methods.
- Participants live in pairs with the host families chosen by the organizers Horizons du Monde
- Participants spend the first two weeks in a chosen region and the last week in Paris/Madrid.
- Participants have lessons for three hours in the morning session of each day and go out in the afternoon to discover the culture and civilization of the French/Spanish people. They visit tourist attractions, markets and supermarkets, museums, they play games and they watch films among others.
- Participants are chaperoned by teachers of TIS at the ratio of one teacher to 10 students.
- Lessons are delivered by professional French/Spanish teachers.
- ➤ Teachers from TIS live in the coordinator's house and communicate with students in the host families. Together with the coordinator, they get solutions to any problems that may arise from any of the host families.
- ➤ TIS teachers, the coordinator and the group's guide wait at a meeting point each morning. The host parents bring the participants in their private cars awaiting to be transported in a coach to school.
- ➤ At 5.00pm- 6.00pm each day, host parents wait at the same rendezvous to take the kids back home.
- Participants spend weekends at home or go out with their host parents.
- Participants are not allowed to go out unaccompanied by host parents or TIS teachers.
- ➤ Participants have the telephone numbers of their TIS teachers and that of their host parents. Teachers also have that of all their students.
- Participants have travel and health insurance.















- ➤ On arrival in France/Spain, the TIS leaders collect all passports from participants and give them back to them on the day of departure.
- ➤ Parents of our students have access to the addresses of the host families of their children and therefore, can communicate with them and may even visit them should they be in France/Spain whilst the group is there.
- Parents have the addresses of the TIS leader so they can communicate with him/her.
- Participants are advised to keep their pocket monies with TIS teachers.

If interested please contact the head of department Mr. John Mensah at jkmensah@tis.edu.gh or on 0244707907. You may also call any of the school's numbers to talk to the secretary.

Watch out for more details in the next edition of our bulletin.

Thank you.







































NHSMUN

National High School Model United Nations



CONFERENCE DATE

4th-11th March, 2018

REGISTRATION FEES

\$4,500 covers the following

•Airfare •Visa •Meals •Accommodation at New York Hilton Hotel •Closing Ceremony at the UN Headquarters, New York City

Non-Refundable Commitment Fee: \$ 100



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Arts Corner

Gallery Visits

The visual art students from Grade 9 to Grade 12 on the 29 September visited two exhibition shows in Accra; 'The First Day of the Yam Custom' and 'We were Kings and Queens' at Gallery 1957 and ANO Institute for Contemporary Art respectively. Students had fun learning about and interacting with the artworks and artist, Zohra Opoku.









































Hostel Corner

"The best things to do with the best things in life is to give them away"

~Dorothy Day

Mrs. Naana Searyoh put a smile on the faces of the girls and their hostel parents last Tuesday when she donated a Samsung air conditioner to the girl's hostel to be used in the study room.

The TIS family says Thank You Mrs. Searyoh. May you get a full value of joy for dividing your joy with us.



















Dennis Mensah Akortah- Francis Hostel Parent of the Week!



Name: Dennis Mensah Akortah

Fun Fact: I like to count in multiples of three.

Roles: ITGS/ICT Teacher, Francis Hostel Parent, Content Manager for school website,

Supervisor of Audio-Visual team and Advisor (Photography Club)

Key Word(s) in life: Perseverance, consistency and reflective

Hobbies: Reading, watching movies, listening to music and public speaking.

Favorite Quote: Everything we say and do has implications.

What excites you: There is a quote that says, "A man's greatness is measured by the number of lives he touches". I am overwhelmed with satisfaction whenever I am able to be of help to people no matter the magnitude of assistance especially when I see the good seeds I have helped sow in their lives yielding fruits. This always gladdens my heart.

Experience at the hostel: Being a hostel parent has helped me get to know our students better. It gives me a holistic view of their personality. I have learnt what makes each of them unique. This has helped me know how to relate to them. As they go through the various phases of adolescence with its numerous challenges, I am happy to be a voice of reason. I feel fulfilled when I am of assistance to the boys. The fact that they see me as a source of direction and support gives me a lot of joy. Though we occasionally have different views on issues, it offers a learning moment for them and myself. It is always interesting when they experience an "Aha!" moment from our interactions.

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Science Corner

Qualitative analysis is very important to industrial quality control chemists to maintain product quality and the forensic chemist who is interested in solving crimes. Grade 8 Science students conducted analysis to determine the ionic composition of some medicinal tablets. This was to help them understand the relationship between what they learn in class and its application in daily life activities.

Reflections

We did 3 tests today. We crushed 4 different medicinal tablets and tested them for cations and anions. I really enjoyed this experience and I'm looking forward to the next time.

~Maame Dankwa Afranie-Adjei

On Thursday Grade 8B had a practical on cations and anions and I was in a group with Caleb and I was scared because of the chemicals and fire. However, my partner and I collaborated. We put our differences aside and worked together. This was a nice practical because although it was to educate us, my team working skills became better.

~Chelsea Somuah

CASSA updates



Founders' Week: an Overview It all started with Yellow Outeniqua swimming their way to become champions of this year's Intercolour Swimming Championships. Also, the Ladies of Class of Cecilia Hostel proved their worth over the other hostels when they emerged winners of the inter-hostel quiz, 'How well do you know TIS'?. The audience who trooped to the MPH for the Founders Day Special Lunch and Performances were

treated to a delightful array of special cuisine from the kitchen team and exotic performances

from the ever-talented students of TIS. You know you are



you are playing a game when it is bigger than you are. In addition, the **board**

games proved to gigantically fascinating.

















Celebrating Founders' week in TIS was more of a family reunion, and this is lived at every moment of the celebrations. And to add to those reunions we were graced with yet another

Adjavon Memorial
Cup with which we
were able to interact
with fellow alumni and
with no surprise we
brought our cup back
home. To successfully
end the already
amiable week parents,
staff and teachers
arrived for the
Thanksgiving Service

with their international



attire to be encompassed by the very powerful Harbour City Mass Choir led by Ghana's finest Nii Okai. To end the week, we were educated about different cultures and special delicacies of various countries around the world. And what is a better way to be educated about other cultures than with food? We look forward to TIS Crystal anniversary. (Gabriella Manu, G11)

Girls United - Reloaded

Girls United is a club that seeks to empower teenage girls and address issues that concern their

growing process. The Club creates a platform for girls to learn, open up and draw lessons from experiences shared. It is a CAS project initiated by a group of enthusiastic girls from the IBDP Class of 2018 (Marie Noelle Kpatakpa and Rachel Odartey-Wellington).

Girls United intends for this vision to ride on, hence, they have handed over the project to the next badge of enthusiastic

Grade 11 girls who promise to keep the dream alive. The new leaders of Girls United



arevValerie Vigbedor and Asantewaa Kyei. They wish to invite Inspiring Women to visit their meetings and share their experiences as well as discuss issues that will benefit growth and empower girls such as; appearance, education, dating, behavior problems, friendships, depression, self esteem, peer pressure, equity and equality, social habits, grooming, etc.

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Coming up: *Girls United Earrings Sales*. The proceeds will be channel towards supporting the girls in the Adolescent Centre in Tema.

Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital Burns Center Presentation

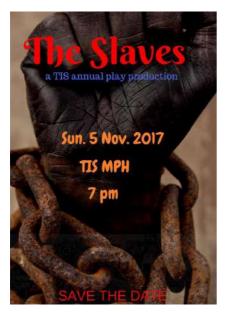


Last semester G12s organized the annual events "Chocolate Friendship Day" dubbed Hearts *on Fire* and "Expression 17" dubbed *Unmasking the Mask*. The purpose of these events was to raise funds to purchase medical supplies to support the burns center at Korle-Bu Teaching hospital. We are proud to inform you that our students were able to raise the amount of **GHC 8,615.00.**

TIS students and staff were greatly saddened by the Fire Outbreak at the Labadi Gas Station. With the recent Gas Explosion at the **Atomic Junction** in **Madina**, it has become urgent and a matter of concern to make these donations to the aforementioned hospital.

To fulfill our commitment to this cause a group of G12 and G11 students are organizing a visit to Korle-bu Teaching Hospital during Mid Semester break. They intend to visit the victims and present the items to the Burns Center team.

Last Monday, during Assembly a minute of silence was observed in honour of the victims of the fire outbreaks. Our students are concerned about the safety this fueling stations brings to the community.



The Slaves

What is slavery and how does it

look like?

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What / who is enslaving you and whom are you enslaving?

Who are the victims of slavery? Is slavery archaic?

What is the value of human life?

Join the TIS production crew as we aboard the slave ship in search of answers to these questions.

SAVE THE DATE



















TIS YouTube Channel:

Be inspired

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qedGoGG8vCI&t=145s





























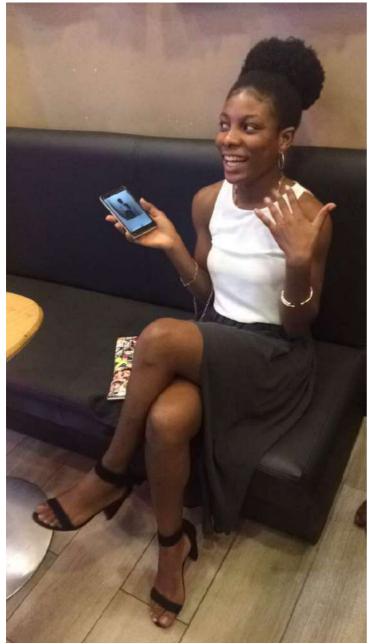








Alumni of the Week!!



Full Name: Wendy Nana Ama Okai

Year Group: IBDP Class of 2015

Hostel/ Colour: Catherine/Yellow

Outeniqua

Roles played at TIS: Sports Prefect, room monitor, head of costume & makeup for school play (This is our chance), member of Insight Network.

Most memorable experience in TIS:

Gold medal for ISSAG athltics (1500m)-2014,

Most Promising Student (IBDP level) The first day I arrived in TIS I felt the family spirit; everyone was so nice

Graduate university: Mountcrest

University College

Year of graduation: 2019

Major/ area of specialization: Law

(LLB)

Achievement in College: Certificate of Participation in THE POWER TALK SERIES (IDEA FACTOR)

Key word in life: CONSISTENCY

Word of advice: Remain openminded in and out of school but always remember to be you.

















Save these Dates!!!





Promoting industry, innovation, and infrastructure for a sustainable future

23 - 25 October, 2017

Registration Fee

GHc 250.00 (Non-Residential) GHc 450.00 (Residential)

Deadline for Payment | 22nd September, 2017



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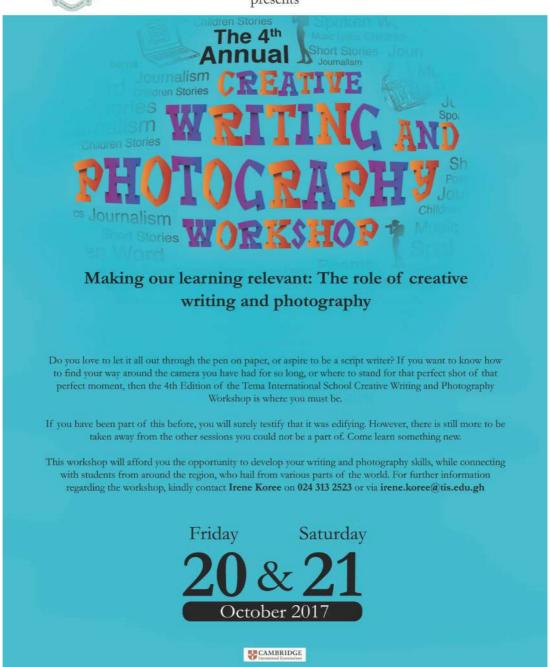




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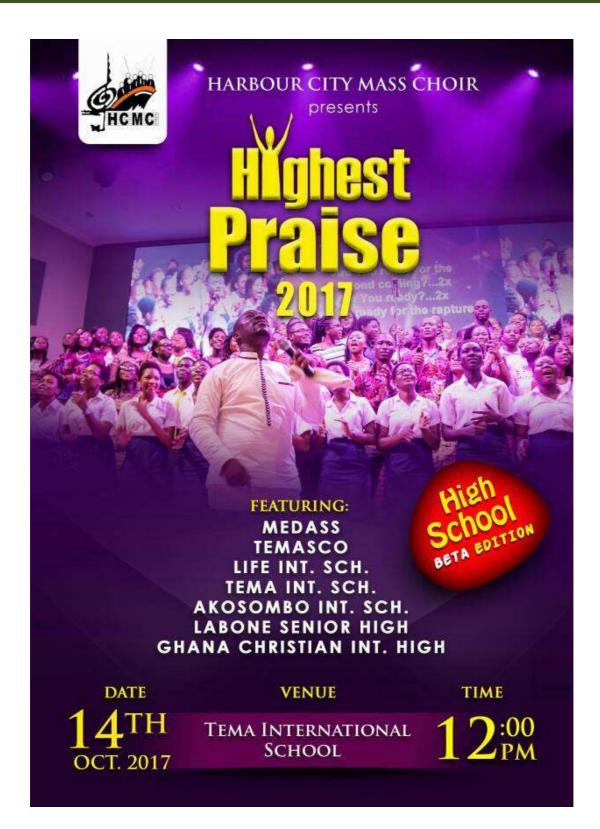












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